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The Honorable Hildy Bowbeer
Magistrate Judge, District of Minnesota
United States District Court
316 N. Robert Street
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: *In re Pork Antitrust Litigation, 0:18-cv-01776-JRT-HB*
Oral Argument Request by MDL Direct Action Plaintiffs

Dear Judge Bowbeer:

I write on behalf of the MDL Direct Action Plaintiffs (“MDL DAPs”) in the above-captioned action. Pursuant to the Court’s December 20, 2021 Order (ECF No. 1072), the MDL DAPs believe resolution of the following issues identified in the parties’ Joint Report submitted to the Court on December 10, 2021 (ECF No. 1046), should await further discussion at the upcoming January 31, 2022, case management conference:

1. Amended pleading deadline (ECF No. 1046 at 3-5 (Section II));
2. Defendants’ request for a Consolidated Amended MDL DAP Complaint (*id.* at 5-12 (Section III));
3. Number of depositions of MDL DAPs (*id.* at 12-16 (Section IV); and
4. Limits on the number of Interrogatories and Requests for Admission available to the MDL DAPs (*id.* at 16-19 (Section V)).

Resolution of these issues can and should wait until the upcoming case management conference because the MDL DAPs believe a brief hearing may help the Court resolve them, and because delaying resolution until the conference will not affect any of the ongoing discovery efforts or schedule in the case.



Respectfully submitted,

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